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H.W. Wilson Announces the Fifth Edition of *Graphic Novels Core Collection*

The popularity of graphic novels has grown exponentially over the past 10 years. In many libraries, graphic novels have become one of the most widely circulated genres. Plus, graphic novels can energize reluctant readers and have been shown to be a productive educational tool, especially with ESL readers. Due to the growing popularity of graphic novels at all age levels, and the overwhelming influx of new titles on the market, librarians need more guidance than ever to select the best graphic novels for their collection.

H.W. Wilson's new *Graphic Novels Core Collection, Fifth Edition* provides expert recommendations, developed by H.W. Wilson's team of library and media specialists. Whether for collection development, collection maintenance, readers' advisory, or curriculum support, *Graphic Novels Core Collection* provides the sound guidance that librarians need so they can rest assured that they are selecting materials that will best serve their collection and their patrons.

This fifth print edition contains more than 2,100 recommended and essential fiction and nonfiction graphic novels for readers of all ages. We continue to support an increased number of awards and short lists and are using more robust, complete, and consistently applied genre and subject headings across all titles. All entries for titles in series also include the name of that series.

As always, a star (★) at the start of an entry—either in the index or with a book record in the classified section—indicates that a book is an Essential title, our highest recommendation level. These titles are the essential books in a given category or on a given subject; while there are often a number of recommended titles, this designation helps users who want only a small selection. Non-starred entries represent Recommended titles, which provide a fuller list of recommended books.

The *Core Collection* is organized into multiple parts: the **List of Works**; and an **Author, Title, and Subject Index**.

Part 1: List of Works –

In order to best facilitate collection development for age-appropriate content, *Graphic Novels Core Collection* is arranged into groupings by grade level. Standards for rating materials by age appropriateness are strictly applied. Listings also offer notes on specific grade level indicators.

The List of Works is arranged by four age groups and include:

- More than 780 titles for PreK through grade 5
- Nearly 850 titles for grades 6-8
- More than 890 titles for grades 9-12
- More than 990 titles for Adults

Within groups, works are arranged alphabetically under main entry, usually the writer and/or creator or adaptor, and sometimes the title or editor in the case of anthologies with multiple authors.

Part 2: Author, Title, and Subject Indices – The Index is now a single combined index of all the books entered in the Core Collection. Each book is entered under author, title, series, and subject. The age level code is the key to the location of the main entry for the book in the List of Works.

Though *Graphic Novels Core Collection* excludes non-English-language materials, with the exception of bilingual materials, it does include English-language translations of international material, including Japanese manga, Korean manhwa, Franco-Belgian comics (“bandes dessinées”), and others.

Every entry has been carefully selected by experienced librarians from public library systems and academic libraries across the United States. These specialists represent a diversity of backgrounds in librarianship for young people and possess a wealth of experience on national juries and American Library Association committees.

H.W. Wilson’s *Core Collections* provide collection development support helpful to school libraries of all sizes. Designed by librarians for librarians, these informative collections act as a helpful guide through the thousands of fiction, non-fiction and children’s titles on the market today. They provide invaluable support for collection development and maintenance, reader’s advisory, and curriculum support.

The *Graphic Novels Core Collection* is an essential resource for library and media specialists looking to enhance and enrich their collection with the most important and highly recommended titles currently available.

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Fiction Core Collection

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Senior High Core Collection
Middle & Junior high Core Collection